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In re application of : Confirmation No. 5534  
Masayoshi HIROSE et al. : Docket No. 2001-0386  
Serial No. 09/821,046 : Group Art Unit 3724  
Filed February 28, 2002 : Examiner Timothy V. Eley  
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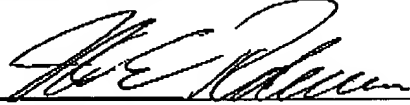
In response to the requirements and rejections contained in the Office Action dated September 12, 2005, reexamination and reconsideration are requested.

Attached hereto please find a supplemental declaration in reissue. In the Office Action, the Examiner required a supplemental reissue declaration and rejected all of claims 1-25 based upon a defective reissue declaration. However, in accordance with the Examiner's further indication, the attached declaration overcomes the rejection as it includes the language required by the Examiner.

As this resolves all outstanding issues in the application, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and indication of such is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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